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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE - TONGA FISHERIES TRAINING

1. NEW ZEALAND HIGH COMMISSIONER AT TONGA HAS PASSED TO US REQUEST FROM TONGA FISHERIES OFFICER FOR FUNDS TO PERMIT SENIOR TONGAN TECHNICAL OFFICER IN FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TO STUDY AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY FOR DEGREE IN MARINE SCIENCE. REQUEST WAS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED TO NEW ZEALAND HIGH COMMISSIONER IN TONGA BUT APPARENTLY NEW ZEALAND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUNDS AND AID FROM OTHER CONTRIBUTING GOVERNMENTS CANNOT BE USED TO PAY FOR STUDY IN U.S.

2. TECHNICAL OFFICER SEMISI FAKAHAU IS INTERESTED IN ENROLLING AT UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND FOR TWO YEAR PROGRAM IN FISHERIES, FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION FROM PROFESSOR NELSON MARSHALL OF RHODE ISLAND THAT PROGRAM THERE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR FAKAHAU'S NEEDS. MARSHALL HAS ALREADY EXPLORED POSSIBLE FUNDING BY ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION (ICLARM) AND OTHER AGENCIUES BUT HAS NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN FINDING FUNDS.

3. WE DO NOT KNOW CURRENT STATUS OF MARINE RESOURCES  
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PROPOSAL THAT IS PART OF SOUTH PACIFIC ASSISTANCE PACKAGE, BUT IF THIS TYPE OF INTERMEDIATE TRAINING CAN BE ADDED TO GENERAL PROPOSAL FOR MARINE RESOURCES EDUCATION PROJECT, EMBASSY WOULD FULLY SUPPORT SUCH INCLUSION. IF MARINES RESOURCES CENTER PROPOSAL NOT LIKELY TO BE ACTED ON SOON, WE WOULD THEN PREFER TO TREAT THIS REQUEST AS SEPARATE MATTER.

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